

WAIS INC. JOINS MECKLERWEB AS CORE TECHNOLOGY PARTNER

SAN JOSE, Calif., -- (June 1, 1994) -- WAIS Inc. announced today its intention to supply products and services as a core technology partner of MecklerWeb. WAIS Inc. views MecklerWeb as a coordinated initiative to forward the technologies and commercial possibilities of network-enabled systems, furthering its vision of network publishing.

"MecklerWeb has assembled and focused the efforts of an impressive group of business partners, all seeking to use networks to better communicate with audiences of all kinds. We expect the experiences gained by MecklerWeb participants to accelerate the adoption of open systems for network enabled applications", said Brewster Kahle, president of WAIS Inc.

WAIS Inc. licenses search engines and protocols for use over wide area networks, as well as publishing tools and turn-key services for accessing those servers by Mosaic and other user interface tools.

WAIS Inc.'s customers include Dow Jones, Encyclopaedia Britannica, and Scholastic, Inc. Using standards-based hardware, software, and protocols, WAIS Inc. can help virtually any publisher become an online service.

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WAIS Helps Save a Life

Scientific American August 93

"Norman F. Herzog, manager, engineering department, UNO Television, University of Nebraska at Omaha: 'My daughter was scheduled for surgery in October of 1991 for correction of scoliosis (curvature of the spine). In late summer of that year, I decided it was important to learn more about scoliosis. [...] I used a specialized Internet service, called WAIS, that let me search multiple data bases. The bibliographies led me to physicians who knew how to diagnose and treat it. The Internet may have saved my daughter's life!"

WAIS in the U.S. Federal Government

WAIS Talk June 93

"The U.S. Government's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has just issued a revision of Circular A-130 that concerns Management of Federal Information Resources. The Circular requires agencies to maintain and implement a management system for information dissemination including catalogs and directories of agency information products. The Circular specifically notes: 'Emerging standards such as Wide Area Information Servers (using the NISO Z39.50 standard) will be used increasingly to facilitate dissemination of government data..." Posted by Eliot Christian of USGS.

WAIS Inc Announces Network Publishing Software

WAIS Inc April 93

Wide Area Information Servers Inc. (WAIS Inc.) announced its line of network publishing server software. The products, WAIS ServerTM for Unix and WAIS WorkstationTM for Unix, are designed for commercial-quality network publishing applications. "WAIS Inc. is helping publishers and companies reach the millions of people who are using today's wide-area networks," said Brewster Kahle, president of WAIS Inc. "We are combining a powerful search engine and a professional support organization with the WAIS system. The resulting system is creating a new breed of network publishers that can distribute information more broadly, quickly and inexpensively than previous technologies." The software sells for \$10,000 to \$50,000. For more information on WAIS Inc. products, call Nathaniel Lee at (415) 617-0444 or send electronic mail to than@wais.com.

WAIS on National Public Radio

WAIS Talk May 93

On Friday, May 21, Ira Flatow devoted an hour of National Public Radio (NPR) to the Internet. Guests included Carl Malamud of Internet Talk Radio and Brewster Kahle of WAIS Inc. Dow Jones information was made available through WAIS for this event. Questions from the Internet came from video-conferencing tools on the Multicast Backbone (MBONE). Carl Malamud reported, "National Public Radio said they've never seen that many phone calls, not to mention the 500 or so mail messages Ira received and the many brave pioneers who were on the MBONE. NPR's Weekend Edition ran a news story the next day comparing this 'historic' occasion to the early days of Marconi and the radio."

COMDEX Award for Windows Interface

WAIS Talk May 93

On May 25, WAIS gained additional recognition at COMDEX/Windows World in Atlanta. Bill Gates presented an award to Tim Gauslin for the best Windows application in the category of Government/Public Administration. Tim's application, of course, is the new WAIS for Windows.

Upgrade Announcement for WAIS Manager 3.1

WAIS Talk June 93

Kevin Gamiel, representing MCNC CNIDR and UNC-Chapel Hill, announced an upgrade for WAIS Manager 3.1. The features and enhancements include Winsock compliant, multi-format handling capability (if a returned document has more than 1 type associated with it, a dialog appears displaying the available types), relevance feedback (adds ability to ask "show me more like this"), new interface with Toolbar for quick access, and Dedicated Directory of Servers button. The release can be obtained by anonymous ftp from pub/NIDR.tools/wais/pc/windows/waisman3.zip@ftp.cnidr.org, or from pub/micro/pc-stuff/ms-windows/winsock/apps/waisman3.zip@sunsite.unc.edu.

DinoWAIS Announcement

WAIS Discussion July 93

USGS is developing WAIS client for the IBM MVS mainframe operating environment, nicknamed "DinoWAIS". The client runs under TSO (time sharing option), and relies on ISPF (Interactive Systems Productivity Facility) for screen management. The software can be obtained by anonymous ftp from software/wais/dinowais.v0r3@ridgisd.er.usgs.gov. Please address comments to Tim Gauslin, tgauslin@isdres.er.usgs.gov.

Announcing OLWAIS - A New OpenLook WAIS Client

WAIS Talk May 93

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NASA's Astrophysics Data Facility and the STELAR Project announced the availability of a number of new WAIS sources of interest to the astronomical community. These and other WAIS sources of interest to the NASA and/or astronomical communities are being made accessible through the NASA-directory-of-servers:

AAS_jobs.src AAS_meeting.src

AAS_meeting_Summer92.src AAS_meeting_Summer93.src AAS_meeting_Winter93.src

abstracts.src astropersons.src ADC_documents.src BGRĀSS-L.src

NASA-directory-of-servers.src

NASA_Missions.src NSSDC_CD-ROM.src

SPACEWARN.src WGAS.src

- AAS Job Register Listings

Abstracts for the most current AAS meeting

 Abstracts for June '92 AAS meeting
 Abstracts for June '93 AAS meeting - Abstracts for January '93 AAS meeting NASA RECON abstracts for 8 journals

Chris Benn's e-mail addresses

- Astronomical Data Center on-line docs - Archives of BGRASS-L list server source of sources for NASA community

- NASA mission payload information - Descriptions of CD-ROMs available from NASA's National Space Science Data Center - NASA SPACEWARN bulletins

Archives of WGAS-L list server

Human Genome Databases on WAIS

WAIS Talk May 93

The Human Genome Data Base (GDB) is pleased to announce the initiation of GDB WAIS service. A Wide Area Information Server containing the complete contents of the Genome Data Base was introduced on 9 May 1993 at Johns Hopkins University. This service is now being provided to the general public along with the OMIM WAIS server, which contains the complete contents of Victor McKusick's "Mendelian Inheritance in Man" catalogue. If you would like to access GDB via modem or Internet, or if you have any questions about GDB, please send mail to: help@welch.jhu.edu or call (410) 955-7058.

WAIS Videotapes

The United States Geological Survey is producing training videotapes on the subject of WAIS. You may obtain copies of the tapes by sending an order to: Book and Open-File Report Sales, U.S. Geological Survey, Federal Center, Box 25286, MS 306 Denver, Colorado 80225 In your order, specify the Publication Series Number, Title, and Unit Price as follows:

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